### CORN TAKES THE LEAD, SETTING PACE FOR GRAINS.

MARKETS DULL UP TO WITH-IN SHORT TIME OF CLOSE.

Fair Undertone of Strength, but It Was Not Until Late That It Came to the Front.

Whi'e there was a very fair undertone of strength in all grain markets, they were not particularly attractive in a speculative way during the earlier hours of the day. There was hardly any movement either one way or the other, notwithstanding the undertone of strength displayed. The opening prices, which, in several cases, were slightly better than those of the previous day's closing, were, as a general thing, very well maintained throughout the morning. During the greater part of the session of the exchange there was no great amount of activity hown. On the contrary, up to within a short time of the closing, when the strength underlying the situation asserted itself, the pit presented a very dull and sluggish appit presented a very duli and suggests appearance. The closing half bour was the liveliest of any, and some sharp improvements were made in values. Corn was the leader and set the pace for other grains, showed a and the closing figures showed a gain all around, wheat being up trom \$4c to \$5c as compared with the previous day's closing, corn showing an improvement of \$1c\$, while oats were \$5c to \$4c\$

Deinlors on the local wheat market Wednesday were not so mixed as on the day before, though professional traders were more or less inclined to favor the selling rather than the buying side, while those who have been espousing the long side worked for a reaction, and while they found their work cut out for them during the early hours and were unable to make much of an impression upon values, they were more successful late, when corn came to their help, and they were cnabled to advance prices quite sharply and close the market near the top for the day. There was not much news to select from early in the day, but the little that came to hand developed a buying feeling and imparted a fair undertone of strength to the situation. There was nothing bullish received regarding crop damage, and the weather was springlike, while receipts again showed up largely. But foreign markets showed strength, though Liverpool was unchanged and consols higher, and as there was a disposition shown to buy the May option opened here the higher at 134,0, and sold at 134,0, and sold at 734,0, and sold at 734,0, and sold at 734,0, and sold at 735,0, brought 725c.

This little spell of strength was shortly after followed by some weakness, quite a bearish sentiment coming to the surface, which led to free selling, and May went off to 735,00 higher, and as there was a disposition shown to buy the May option opened here the higher at 135,0 and sold at 75,00 for seported ½c advance. Continental markets were unchanged, except Buda Pesth, which was 5c lower, and export clearances in flour and wheat were reported at 522,000 bu. The market held strong, and July sold at 735 to 775c. The Cosing spurt in corn had a good effect upon the local wheat market, stirring up shorts, who were also frightened by a report that 26 loads had been worked for export, and they bought quite freely, putting May up to 74c and July to 735c, the former closing at 735c bid, and the latter at 735c asked.

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## Traders' Gossip.

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-Late mail advices from Buenos Ayres say: The mystery of the Santa Fe wheat crop is not yet solved, although it is probable that those who took a pessimistic view will come out right; but at least it is certain that farmers and their backers rave collected some \$10.00,000 for the flaxseed aiready shipped, are not in want of necessary, and wheat will therefore come to market very slowly this season. Meanwhile, so little wheat has appeared yet that it is impossible to define the average qualities. In the south of this Province there is more mixture of wild oats than iast year, but the quality of the wheat and the yield are satisfactory, while in the west the quality is good, but the yield smaller than expected. Flaxseed continues to be of excellent quality, and the crop will be more than double that of last year. The growing corn has had everything in its lavor so far and promises to be a splendid crop.

-In their latest market letter, F. Lenders & Co. of London say of corn: "America seems oble and determined to keep up the price, and while such is the case there is no fear of any relapse on this side for the immediate future, as the market is entirely dependent on American supplies up to May-June. After that period the Platte and Derubian crops should, in our opinion, influence the situation, and it may be of interest now to mention the fact that it is reported and currently believed that Italy will be a lerge buyer this season for Danubian products and that we may not receive the quantities in Western Europe on which importers have been counting."

-New York wired: "The steadiness of the future market in Liverpool is due to the fact that while the United Kingdom is not buying grain for shipment, for fear it may be stricken for duty, the Englishmen steadily hold their wheat is connequently untenderable in Liverpool and makes the option somewhat stiff."

-Will Smith of the Geo, P. Plant Mill Company says all the big buyers of the United Kingdom are overstocked with flour and practically out of t

this morning was 3d lower than the price they iast sold him at.

—Liverpool cables that their wheat market is quiet, with buyers holding our awaiting Government action with regard to duty. Reports about the crops in Germany are unfavorable and in France prospects are for an average crop.

—Wheat receipts at primary markets 739,000 bu. against \$81,000 bu. a week ago, \$25,000 bu. a year ago and 440,000 bu. two years ago. At St. Louis \$1,300 bu. received, against \$5,000 bu. a week ago and 25,700 bu. a year ago. Shipments from primary points 255,000 bu., against 1,019,000 bu. a year ago, including \$5,600 bu. at St. Louis, against \$1,600 bu. last year. Primary antipments 455,000 bu.

—Primary oats receipts \$53,000 bu., against \$66,000 bu. one year ago, 16,500 bu. arriving at St. Louis, against 34,500 bu. a year ago. Primary shipments \$55,000 bu.

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#### PRODUCE MARKETS.

Local Fruit, Vegetable, Poultry,

Egg and Butter Quotations.

The produce markets were generally quiet, but steady Wednesday. Receipts were light, and in some lines there was an absolute scarcity, but there was only a light demand and little change in prices. Southern green stock was scarce and firm, on account of the cool weather in the South, but prices were not quotably higher. Potatoes were dull and slow, as offerings were in excess of the demand. Receipts were light, but holders were anxious to sell, and there was no call for anything except fancy seed varieties, and for those only in a limited way. Choice eating varieties were steady, but fair to common stock was dead dull and weak.

New potatoes were in fair demand and steady, as offerings were moderate.

Kale was steady and unchanged, with offerings about equal to the demand.

Endives were scarce, in fair demand and firm.

Cabbage was steady and in fair demand but offerings were ample for the requirements. New cabbage was dull and slow, and prices were somewhat easier.

Onloss were steady. Fancy globes were in fair demand and slightly firmer, but common and inferior stock was dull and slow.

Tomatoes were steady. Fancy large sound stock was in fair demand, but small, green, or overripe stock was slow of sale.

Green beans were firm, and higher, as choice stock was never firm, and higher, as choice stock was active.

Redpres were somewhat easier, as the demand was less active.

Redpres were dull and slow, as the bulk of the New Orleans offerings were more or less heated or inferior, but choice stock was steady.

Lettuce was weak and lower, on account of the poor quality of meet of the offerings, but choice stock mas alim, and choice fruit was scarce and in demand, but common stock was slow of sale.

Egg plant was firm, and choice large stock was in good demand.

Cucumbers were more plentiful and the market was weak.

Other vegetables were quiet and unchanged.

Apples were quiet and steady. Choice fruit was scarce and in demand, and choice fruit was firm, and choice fruit was firm, and of Egg and Butter Quotations.

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The great strength shown by corn had a beneficial effect upon the local market for oats, and more speculative interest was shown than for some time past, but the trading was light at 25%c for May and 24%c for July, though at one time the former had 25%g %c bid.

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Grape fruit was dull, and Fiorida receipts were easily and smembal in fair equilibrium and higher, but heavy, old and rough stock was dull and easier. Young chickens were scarce and wanted at higher prices. Light hen turkeys were dull.

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Veals were firm and in fair demand, but prices were unchanged.

Game was in fair demand and steady. A large part of the receipts arrive in bad condition, and only sweet stock is wanted.

Wool continued duil and slow, but prices were nominally unchanged. Offerings were heavy and there was little demand.

Hides were duil and unchanged. There was a fair demand for good stock, but receipts were mostly of inferior quality.

Furs were duil and slow, as dealers were awaiting the result of the London fur sales. Receipts were generally of poor quality.

Eggs.

The market was firm and higher Wednesday, as shipments were the heaviest on record, and there was a good local demand. Receipts were heavy, but all offerings were readily taken. Fresh receipts sold at 11 cc for near-by, and 11c for Southern stock. Duck eggs were firm at 15c and grose eggs quiet at 5c.

Receipts at St. Louis were 3,807 cases, and shipments were 17,199 cases.

Butter—The market continued duil and dragging

Butter—The market continued dull and dragging yesterday, but prices were unchanged. Buyers were holding out for lower prices. Receipts were moderate, but there was only a light local demand and offerings were ample. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 22c; firsts 18319c; seconds 16917c. Dairy—Extra 16917c; firsts 14915c; grease 4c. Packing stock 14c for good to 5c for poor. Ladle-packed—Extra 16915c; firsts 17913c. Roll—7c for good to 10½c for choice.

Cheese—Quote: Twins 11½c; singles 11¾c; Y. A. 12½c; New York 11½c; limburger 11½612c; Swiss 14615c; brick 12912½c.

Hides.

Dry-flint—Average receipts, round 12½c; choice

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Wool.

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Grease-Small, fregular lots country: Brown
34c; yellow at 34c; white at 4c. Packers' stockBrown at 33464c; yellow at 446444c; white at 5
654c.
Beef-On orders, bbld.: Plate at 39.50; Fulton
Market \$10.50; dried at 10c to 124c per lb.;
tongues at 144c per lb. at 11%c per lb. Poultry, Game and Veals.

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Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkevs—Light weights Sethavy toms & Chickens—Choice light 5%; round lots Set old roosters 4ct staggy young roosters fet broilers 2 lbs, and under, life. Ducks 8%. Geene 46%. Tame live pissens per doz. 31.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkevs—Light hens, lic, heavy toms Set. Chickens—Choice light 2ct heavy 5%ct old roosters 46%4ct young roosters 160% of the per light hens, lic, heavy toms 10c. Ceese 66%c. Full-drawn turkeys quotable le over undrawn. All poor stock, including discolored, thin, scrawny, etc., nominal. GAME—We quote choice, select, sweet stock only Ducks, per doz.—Mallards 12-5; green-wing teal, 31.55; mixed 31.25. Jack snipe 31.60. Sandplyres 25c. Ployer 15c a 40z.

VEALS—Selling at 5½c for fancy to 5c for fair, theretics, thin and rough at 36%c. Sheep at 36%c; thin ewes ard bucks at 26%e per lb. Spring lambs 156% loss average, 31.50%4, according to 12ce.

Fruits and Vegetables.

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STRAWHERRIES—Quote: Flerida in refrigerator carriers sold at from 35986 for average to 45e a quart for fancy; ventilated cases at 2593.5; Texas \$3.57; per crate. Small and soft stock was worth less. Texas 5.597 per crate. Small and soft stock was worth less.

ORANGES—Quote car lo's California sound on the Fency navels at \$2.5922.59; choice do. at \$2.5922.59; choice do. at \$2.5922.59; choice do. at \$2.5922.59; choice and the fency navels at \$2.5922.59; choice do. at \$2.5922.59; choice do. at \$2.5922.59; choice do. at \$2.5922.50; choice do. at \$2.5922.50; choice and \$2.592.50; choice sound only; New Messina at \$2.55; per box. California on trk. at \$2.502.25; for choice and \$2.5922.55 for fancy, regular sizes; joilbing prices 55c bigher.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Quote winter Nellis and Easter Buerre at \$2.562.50 per 40-fb. box.

COCOANUTS—Quotable at \$37.50 per 1.000—in a small way at \$1 per 100.

RANANAS—Quote at \$1.5931.75 per bunch on orders.

GRAPE FRUIT—Quote lamates (extra large russets quotable at 12.7993 per box. Jobbing Depth by the properties of the local situation in the forerussets quotable at 25.797 for choice and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, for choice and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy, regular sizes, jobbing prices 256 highers and 12.592.75 for fancy and 12.592.75 for fancy and 12.592.75 for fancy and 12.592.75 for fancy and 12.592.75

RALE-ARRIBASES SHOUTS—Quotable at 20,255 per bu. hox; 73,655 per 23.5u. box; white \$1.75. New Orleans round red 20,245c and white at 20,255 per dez. bunches, 75c per box. Bulk receipts \$151.55 a bu., according to quality.

RRUSSELS SPROUTS—Quotable at 20,255 per

22.5092.75 for large crates; Fiornia \$1.5092.55 pc. crate.

CELERY—Choice sound quotable at \$1592.56 for white plume and \$1 for golden heart. Michigan small (Kalamazoo) dull at 10c to 124c per doz. Celery roots quotable at \$25675 per doz. Celery roots quotable at \$25675 per doz. CAULIFLOWER—Quote choice California at \$1.7591.85 per crate; stale and yellow nominally \$1.2591.50 per crate.

1.0MATOES—Florida at \$2.5962.75 for small to medium and \$3.5094 for fancy large per 6-basket crate. Mexican \$2 per 4-basket crate, \$2.75 per 6-basket crate.

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#### GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS DEPRESSED.

CORN MADE GAIN OF THREE EIGHTHS OF A CENT.

Wheat and Oats Closed a Shade Higher-Provisions Closed Firm and Unchanged.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chicago, Ill., March 27 .- Markets to-day showed somewhat of a depressed feeling, both in grain and provisions. Corn made a gain of %c and oats 1-16c. Provisions closed 214c higher for May pork, 1140214c lower for ard, and 1%e down for May ribs.

Wheat.
Aggregate receipts at Western primary markets were 579,000 bu., against 590,000 bu-the previous year. Seaboard clearances of wheat and flour were 519,000 bu. Paris was quoted 5 centimes higher for wheat for this month's delivery, with the May-June delivery unchanged. Antwerp reported the pre-previous day's figures. New York reported some inquiry from Continent for wheat and some being under negotiation in the fore-

pared with 1.680,000 bu, the same day a year ago.

Liverpool futures were up ¼d, and spot corn from ¼d lower to unchanged. Clearances from the Atlantic ports were 55 000 bu. The estimate for to-morrow's local receipts were 170 cars.

To all appearances, the local traders on each side of the market maintained their respective positions. May corn opened at from 42½c to 42½c and soon rose to 42½@¾c, making a notch higher at the latter price than its previous highest figure on the present deal. The price after that kept within the range of 2½c@¾c, and closed at 42½c, or ¾c higher than it did yesterday.

Onts.

The oats market inclined to weakness in the foremoon, but, under the influence of the firm feeling developed by wheat and corn, a tone of firmness supplanted the declining tendency. While the market was weak, it was also very dull, but with the better tone came also increased activity.

Local receipts 115 cars; last year, corresponding day, 173. Exports from the seaboard were 88,000 bu., and New York reported sales of 100,000 bu. for export, with probably sales of 200,000 bu. for export, with probably sales of 200,000 bu. for shipping to Chicago. Estimated receipts here to-morrow 155 cars.

May oats opened at 25c, sold down to 23%c, improved to 25%c and closed at 25@ 25%c.

Rye.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Francisco. Cal., March 27.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company, in connection with the Great Northern Railway, is seeking to establish a new route East for shipments of oranges. A trial shipment of fourteen carloads arrived at Seattle Sunday and were immediately transferred to fourteen refrigerator cars. The train will average twenty-five miles an hour to St. Paul. Advance orders to railway officials

SKIRT WITH YOKE.

Shirring About the Hips Is Again Fashionable.

When Paquin introduced skirts which were tucked or shirred all around the upper portion, they were received with scant favor. The newest models from this famous modisie, however, are modified to such an extent that even women with quite large hips may affect them without adding materially to their size.

The skirt illustrated is one of the recent designs developed in delicate pink and whitorgandle. The hip yoke is fitted smoothy around the waist with small darts. At is made of inserted tucking over a plain pink lining. The fulness at the back is arranged in an underlying plait at each side of the center closing.

8273-LADIES' SHIRRED SKIRT WITH YOKE. 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist,

Several rows of shirring appear at the top of the full skirt, which is adjusted at the lower edge of the yoke. It falls in soft, graceful folds to the floor, and is trimmed with two rows of Valenciennes lace to match that in the yoke.

The mode is only appropriate for soft materials, such as crepe de Chine, silk populin, foulard, Liberty satin, dimity, Swiss or silk muslin. In some cases the lines of shirring are covered by narrow velvet ribbon or fine passementerie, and the yoke trimmed with bands of the same.

To make the skirt in the medium size will require five and one-quarter yards of thirty-six-inch material. The pattern, No. 873, is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 25, 28 and 30 inch walst

THE REPUBLIC PATTERN COUPON ENTITLING TO ONE PATTERN ANY SIZE OF NO. 8273.

Cut this out, fill in with waist measure, name and address, and mail it with it cents to THE PATTERN DEPARTMENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

Any one wishing the latest style patterns may obtain them by calling at ROOM 20, Second Floor, Repub-

## FORMALIN WANTED.

lic Building, Seventh and Olive.

Office of Commissioner of Supplies,
City Hall, March 21, 1301.

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, to be opened at his office at 12 o'clock m. on
WEDNESDAY NEXT, APRIL 3,
For furnishing the Board of Health with 1,000 bs. of Shering's Formalin, 40 per cent proof. To be delivered F. O. B. at the Health Office in 40 or 50 lb. demiohns.
Bids must be in duplicate, free from all alterations or erasures, and to both the original and duplicate must be attached a copy of this advertisement.
All bids having any alteration or erasure thereon will be rejected.
The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

FRED C. MEIER,
Commissioner of Supplies.

# FORMALDEHYDE WANTED.

Office of Commissioner of Supplies,
City Hall, March 27, 1904.
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o'clock m. on
WEDNESDAY NEXT, APRIL 3,
For furnishing the Board of Health with
3,000 pounds Fuerst Bros. & Co. Formaldehyde, F. Brand, 40 per cent weight quality. Carboys to be either 66 or 132 lbs. each.
To be delivered F. O. B. at the Health
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Bids must be in duplicate, free from all alterations or erasures, and to both the original and duplicate must be attached a copy of this advertisement.

All bids having any alteration or erasure thereon will be rejected.

The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

FRED C. MEIER,

Commissioner of Supplies.

are imperative that there be no delay. The estimated time is four days from Seattle to St. Paul.

The Armour Car Line has announced a reduction in cirus refrigerator charges to Chicago from \$75 to \$65, and to New York from \$90 to \$50. The concession is due to the early ripening of a large part of the orange crop, but will not affect the refrigerator tariff on deciduous fruit shipments.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Springfield, Ill., March Z.—The second day's session of the conference of County Superintendents of Schools and Institute In structors was more largely attended than the meeting of the opening day. Superintendent R. M. Stotler of Richland County presided at the morning session. "History and Civics" was discussed by President L. C. Lord of the Eastern Illinois State Normal School. The general discussion following was led by Frank H. Hall. Superintendent of the State School for the Blind.

In the afternoon Superintendent Royal T. Morgan of Du Page County presided. A paper on "Geography" was presented by Professor Edwin G. Dexter of the University of Illinois. Professor Charles McMurray of the Northern Illinois Normal led the discussion of the topic.

Wednesday night "The School Building and Grounds" was taken up in a paper presented by Orville T. Bright, Superintendent of the Cook County schools. Miss Sarah J. Whittenberg, County Superintendent of Johnson County, led the discussion which followed. The session was presided over by Superintendent Marvin Quackenbush of Kane County.

San Francisco. Cal. March 27.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company, in connection with the Great Northern Railway, is seeking to establish a new route East for Wadesday to the Great Northern Railway, is seeking to establish a new route East for Wadesday to the Great Northern Railway, is seeking to establish a new route East for Wadesday to the Great Northern Railway, is seeking to establish a new route East for Wednesday to the Great Northern Railway, is seeking to establish a new route East for Wednesday to the Great Northern Railway.